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MEMORANDUM

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To: Maryland Approved Industrialized Building Manufacturers
Maryland Approved Testing Facilities (ATF)
All Local Building Officials

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Ref: Minimum Design Loads after January 01, 2015

The revised State Model Performance Code (MPC) will become effective on January 01, 2015. MPC, after January 01, 2015 will include 2015 International Building Code, 2015 International Residential Code, and 2015 International Energy Conservation Code as modified by DHCD and updated editions of International Mechanical Code and International Plumbing Code.

In the past, this Office has published a memorandum regarding minimum design loads, which specified design standards for all new industrialized buildings. Those design standards took into considerations what local jurisdictions had adopted per the Maryland Building Performance Standards (MBPS). Since MBPS allows local jurisdictions 6 month to adopt these design standards, this Office will publish new minimum design loads after July 01, 2015.

Until these minimum design loads are published by DHCD, design standards (seismic design category, flood loads, snow loads & wind loads) shall be the greater of what is specified in the DHCD Memo (dated November 18, 2011, copy attached) or the 2015 IBC/IRC.

